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FIELD OF THE INVENTION

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DESCRIPTION OF THE RELATED ART

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SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 shows a rotating-bulb furnace for heating a spray-dried powder;

FIG. 2 shows an X-ray diffraction pattern for a black powder having the composition

$Mo_{1.0}V_{0.33}Te_{0.19}Nb_{0.11}Ni_{0.01}O_x$;

FIG. 3 shows the X-ray diffraction pattern for a material having the composition

$Mo_{1.0}V_{0.29}Te_{0.14}Nb_{0.13}Ni_{0.007}O_x$;

FIG. 4 shows the X-ray diffraction pattern for a material having the composition

$Mo_{1.0}V_{0.33}Te_{0.19}Nb_{0.11}Pd_{0.01}O_x$;

FIG. 5 shows the X-ray diffraction pattern of a material having the composition

$Mo_{1.0}V_{0.28}Te_{0.13}Nb_{0.13}Pd_{0.001}O_x$;

FIG. 6 shows the X-ray diffraction pattern of a material having the composition

$Mo_{1.0}V_{0.33}Te_{0.22}Nb_{0.11}Pd_{0.04}O_x$;

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FIG. 7 shows the X-ray diffraction pattern of a material having the composition

$Mo_{1.0}V_{0.29}Te_{0.13}Nb_{0.13}Pd_{0.001}O_x$;

FIG. 8 shows the X-ray diffraction pattern of a material having the composition



FIG. 9 shows the X-ray diffraction pattern of a material having the composition

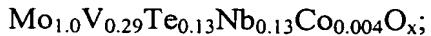


FIG. 10 shows the X-ray diffraction pattern of a material having the composition

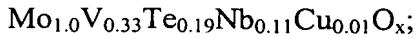


FIG. 11 shows the X-ray diffraction pattern of a material having the composition

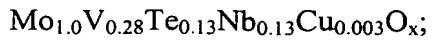


FIG. 12 shows the X-ray diffraction spectrum of a material having the composition

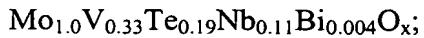


FIG. 13 shows the X-ray diffraction spectrum of a material having the composition



FIG. 14 shows the X-ray diffraction pattern of a material having the composition

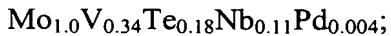


FIG. 15 shows the X-ray diffraction pattern of a material having the composition

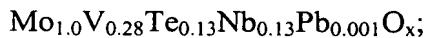


FIG. 16 shows the X-ray diffraction pattern of a material having the composition

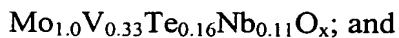


FIG. 17 shows the X-ray diffraction pattern of a material having the composition



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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF AN EMBODIMENT OF THE INVENTION